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SUBJ: ROMANIAN DEATH SENTENCES FOR TWO WHO PASSED

STATE SECRETS

REF: 75 BUCHAREST 5020

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SCINTEIA (AUGUST 27) ANNOUNCED FIRST DEATH SENTENCES SINCE MAY 1975 FOR TWO PERSONS CONVICTED OF DIVULGING STATE ECONOMIC SECRETS TO FOREIGN ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. SCINTEIA REPORTED THAT NICOLAE ILLIES, FORMER COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL HEAD OFFICE FOR ENERGY, METALLURGICAL, AND LIFTING MACHINE EQUIPMENT IN BUCHAREST, AND BOGDAN IORDANESCU, FORMER PRINCIPAL ENGINEER OF THE UNIT'S IMPORT-EXPORT DIVISION, WERE CONVICTED OF "DIVULGING FOR PROFIT, TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN ORGANIZATION, DATA WHICH CONSTITUTES STATE

SECRETS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY." NO SPECIFIC
PENAL CODE PROVISION WAS CITED.

3. BUCHAREST MILITARY TRIBUNAL CONDEMNED TWO TO DEATH
FOR "TREASON" AND THEIR APPEAL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED
BY SUPREME COURT. LAST RECOURSE WOULD BE COMMUTATION
OF SENTENCE BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU PERSONALLY, WHICH
MAY OR MAY NOT OCCUR. DEATH SENTENCES ARE FIRST SUCH
DECISIONS ANNOUNCED SINCE MAY 1975 AND, IF CARRIED OUT,
FIRST EXECUTIONS IN ROMANIA SINCE OCTOBER 1973 (REFTEL).

4. COMMENT. PAST DEATH SENTENCES HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN
PRIMARILY FOR EMBEZZLEMENT, ECONOMIC SABOTAGE, AND MURDER,
BUT IN THIS INSTANCE SENTENCE WAS CLEARLY LEVIED FOR
ESPIONAGE INVOLVING UNNAMED FOREIGN INTERESTS. IN THIS
REGARD, THUS FAR BRITISH, WEST GERMAN, AUSTRIAN
AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES HAVE ALL PRIVATELY DENIED TO US
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF INVOLVEMENT IN CASE BY MEMBERS THEIR
RESPECTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES.
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